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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Today's AD's Meeting -- Comment on Presidential Directive

Points You Might Care to Make

1. The upgrading of the Watch Committee and the creation of the National Indications Center have been undertaken on our initiative and responsibility for their success rests heavily on this Agency.
2. The President has, on my recommendation, issued an unambiguous directive to all pertinent agencies of the government to make available to the Watch Committee information and intelligence pertinent to its mission (to provide earliest possible warning of hostile action by the USSR or its allies including action by armed forces or subversive aggression) without restriction because of source, policy, or operational sensitivity.
3. Of course, this applies to our clandestine intelligence and we must be careful to hold back nothing because such action would be seized upon by the other members of the Watch Committee as an excuse to them to flout this directive.
4. I am the only person in this Agency who can find that "overriding considerations" justify withholding or delaying transmission of information.
5. Finally, you should note that this directive applies to our own operations when they might be of such a nature as to provoke hostile military counteraction.

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